

## T. T. ECKERT ITS PRESIDENT.

NOW AT THE HEAD OF WESTERN UNION.

HIS ACTIVE CAREER IN THE TELEGRAPH SERVICE—HIS WORK DURING THE WAR.

The directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company yesterday declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1-14 per cent. No action was taken to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Jay Gould and Dr. Norvin Green, and it is not considered likely that new members will be elected for some months. The vacant office of president was filled by the election of General Thomas T. Eckert, vice-president and general manager.

General Eckert has been in the telegraph service almost the whole of his business life, and from the time that Jay Gould first interested himself in telegraph affairs General Eckert was his friend and confidant. The financial statement submitted to yesterday's meeting will be found elsewhere. Resolutions on the late president were adopted.



GENERAL T. T. ECKERT.

Thomas Thompson Eckert was born in St. Clairsville, Ohio, on April 23, 1825. He was appointed postmaster at Wooster, Ohio, in 1849, and having the year before learned to "manipulate the postoffice under his charge." His services were called upon in the construction of the "Union Telegraph Lines" from Pittsburgh to Chicago by way of the Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, and in 1852 he was made superintendent. This property became part of the Western Union Telegraph Company system when that company was formed, and General Eckert's jurisdiction was largely extended, and he became widely known as a man of enterprise, tact and energy.

In 1859 he left the telegraph service to superintend the affairs of a gold mining company in Montgomery County, N. C. On the breaking out of the Civil War in 1861 he was removed to Cincinnati, and in a few months was called to Washington by Colonel Thomas A. Scott, Assistant Secretary of War, and placed in charge of the military telegraph office at the headquarters of the War Department.

In 1862 that office was transferred to the War Department of the Pacific, and General Eckert, with the rank of captain and A. Q. M., in September he received the rank of major, and was placed in charge of the military telegraph headquarters in the War Department buildings at Washington, and held close confidential relations with President Lincoln and the Administration. He was one of the men selected to meet the commissioners of the Southern Confederacy at City Point in January, 1865. In 1864 Major Eckert was brevetted lieutenant-colonel, and soon afterward brigadier-general. He was appointed Assistant Secretary of War in that year, and held the place until August, 1868, when he resigned to accept the place of general superintendent of the Eastern division of the lines of the Western Union Telegraph Company. This post called for vigorous work in opening up the transatlantic correspondence which followed the successful laying of the Atlantic cable.

The Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company was organized in 1865, and ten years later Jay Gould and his friends secured the control. The presidency was offered to General Eckert, who accepted it, and at once entered upon a vigorous and aggressive warfare against the Western Union, whose service he had left. A hot war of rates resulted, and by railroad alliances the system was widely extended. Within two years the Atlantic and Pacific was sold to the Western Union, but the two companies preserved their autonomy.

Within three years after the sale of the Atlantic and Pacific Jay Gould launched the American Union Telegraph Company as a new opposition. He turned to General Eckert for support, but he was not until January 1, 1880, that the latter resigned the presidency of the Atlantic and Pacific, and accepted the presidency of the American Union. General Eckert threw his whole energies into the work of building up the new company, and finally in January, 1881, William H. Vanderbilt and Jay Gould ended their rivalry by an agreement to consolidate the two companies. Mr. Gould purchased the controlling interest in the American Union, and General Eckert became the dominating operating officer of the company under the late president, Dr. Norvin Green.

**GUILTY, BUT HE MEANT NO HARM.**

On the recommendation of Assistant District Attorney Vernon M. Davis, Judge Cowing in General Sessions yesterday dismissed the indictment found on August 3, 1892, against Mortimer M. Menken, a notary at No. 140 Nassau-st. He was charged with certifying falsely to the personal acknowledgment of the signature to a deed. Menken owned the house No. 210 West 57th-st., which was the scene of the crime. Menken transferred the house to his sister, Miss Caroline Menken, who in turn made it over to Isaac Newton Lewis. The date of the transfer to Lewis was set back, so as to hamper the prosecution of Mrs. Clinton's suit. The signature of Lewis was acknowledged before Menken.

Mr. Davis declared that Menken meant no harm in willfully setting a bad example to prevent a poor woman from getting a divorce. He said that Menken was an assistant district attorney for a good many years, and ought to know when a man means well, even while apparently violating the law.

**PICTURES OF THE PRESIDENT GO FOR A SONG.**

"One dollar portraits of the new President for 5 cents" was the cry of the army of cartermen who appeared early yesterday morning with a small lot of lithographs of President Cleveland. And there wasn't a break in the line of the pictures of the President even when the small price. Whether the limited demand was due to the absence of so many of the President's admirers from the city, probably counting the railroad ties between Washington and New-York, or to the great demand for money by Wall street speculators at an excessive rate of interest, the dealers did not know; nor could they see any good reason that the pictures should be worth so much less than certificates of the same stock. Nevertheless, they were offered at 5 per cent of their estimated value, with few buyers.

**MONEY FOR GOOD ROADS.**

William H. Rhawn, treasurer of the National League for Good Roads, has acknowledged the following contributions: George W. Vanderbilt and Cornelius Vanderbilt, \$2,000 each; W. Austin Wadsworth and George B. Ripley, \$150 each; William H. Rhawn, \$100; Albert A. Pope, Roy Stone, Augustus T. Gilliland, J. Adair Bush, Robert Bonner, W. Seward Webb, George R. Clowes, Lewis Ginter, S. Thornton, C. Prime, William Cary Sanger, S. S. Rowland, Henry Astor Carey, Colli P. C. Wright, J. Pierpont Morgan, J. M. Waterbury, George Peabody Watson, \$100 each; George Pope, Charles L. Burdett and Charles H. Day, \$75 each; the Standard Manufacturing Company, \$50; Stuyvesant Fish, Bronson Murray, William L. Webster, Colonel John Hay, James G. Berryhill, Pierre Lorillard, Jr., E. H. Harriman, Paul Tuckerman, Henry Villard, Horace Porter, Luther

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## THEY ALL WANT TO COOK OYSTERS.

MAIDS AND MATRONS HEAR A LECTURE BY MRS. S. T. RORER.

Many good housewives gathered in the lecture-room of the Young Men's Christian Association Building in East Twenty-third-st. yesterday afternoon, to listen to Mrs. S. T. Rorer, principal of the Philadelphia Cooking School, talk about the different ways of cooking oysters. This was the second lecture of Mrs. Rorer's course, which was begun on Monday, and the number of women who were present at the first two of these lectures can be taken as a criterion.

There were old women and young women, and women who were lately brides present, and also women who never were brides and who mayhap never will be, but no matter whether they were maids or matrons, one and all learned enough—so they said—to stop forever the grumblings of New-York husbands, sons and brothers, on the way their oysters are prepared.

Mrs. Rorer, in her matronly cap and apron, stood behind a little table on which were oysters, large and small, and all the ingredients that help to make the delicious stew, oyster sauce, oysters fried in oil and oysters broiled. On her right she had a little stove, and when all the preparations had been made she put the oysters in the pots and pans, and soon oysters in various forms and styles of culinary perfection were given to the class. Panbaked oysters, steaming hot in small earthen cups, made a favorable impression on the women present, and it was remarked after the lecture that panbaked oysters served in earthen cups would be the vogue at luncheons in the future.

In the course of her remarks on the oyster, and especially on the after effect of the raw oyster, namely, its tendency to give one indigestion, Mrs. Rorer, warned her audience never to use brandy to relieve the suffering. "You must eat strong cheese," said Mrs. Rorer. Branding will only help to increase the indigestion, and the women many of the little tricks of famous chefs, and gave them numerous points on the proper way to prepare the delicate oyster.

Mrs. Rorer's next lecture will be on next Monday. Her subject will be "Meat Cooking."

**TO ESTABLISH A BOTANICAL GARDEN.**

The first official action looking to the establishment of a botanical garden in New-York was taken yesterday by the Park board in the unanimous adoption of Commissioner Gray's resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Charles A. Dana, J. Pierpont Morgan, Addison C. Brown, Seth Low, Jr., and George B. Ripley, be and they are hereby appointed a committee and requested to examine the parks north of the Harlem River, with a view to determining the most suitable locality for the establishment and maintenance of a botanical garden, and to report to this board their recommendations for the selection of a site.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this board the location of the local garden proposed to be established and maintained in one of the parks of this city should be determined by this Department, after hearing the report of such committee, and that the bill now pending in the Legislature known as Senate bill No. 73 should be amended so as to permit of the designation of a site for the said garden in any of the parks north of the Hudson River.

A bill establishing such a garden, independently of the Park board, is now before the Legislature.

The board determined to put a stop to the "quintine" excuse made by policemen accused of drunkenness by adopting the following:

Resolved, That no member of the Park police shall take any remedy containing opium, salicylic acid or quinine or any other drug, except upon prescription of a physician or of the surgeon of the department.

**THE INAUGURATION FATAL FOR W. B. HANSON.**

The first death to occur in this city as a result of exposure to the bad weather in Washington on inauguration day is that of William F. Hanson, a member of the John J. O'Brien Association and a wealthy liquor merchant in the Bower. Mr. Hanson went to Washington as an aid to Grand Marshal Martin T. McMahon, from the O'Brien Association. With several other members of the association he left the Masonic Hall in Washington on Saturday morning, and walked for two hours in the rain and snow. He reached the point where his association was to take place in the Bower, and he was found to be dead. It was another two hours before the line started, and when the parade was finally ended Mr. Hanson was suffering from a heavy cold.

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## BADLY MIXED LITIGATION.

EDSON N. HUBBARD THE CENTRE OF A MAZE OF LAWSUITS.

A tangled web of litigation in which the courts of two States, a host of lawyers, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Union County, New Jersey, an alleged conspiracy, Gardner, the notorious detective, an alleged splinter of Railway, two savings banks of this city, a much-married commercial traveller, the Railway and a half-dozen other men and matters figure, came to the surface last week when Justice Stevens, of the Supreme Court, appointed Edwin F. Sterne receiver of the property of Edson N. Hubbard. It would take a large volume to record the incidents of Mr. Hubbard's life as set forth in the legal proceedings.

Some twenty years ago he lived in Brooklyn, was married and earned a comfortable livelihood as salesman for H. K. Thier, the wholesale grocer, man of this city. His wife died, and he moved to Rahway, N. J. He boarded with Mrs. Oliver, a widow, who was the mother of Dr. Frederick Oliver, a friend. After awhile he married the widow, and together they went to live in a ramshackle old house in East Rahway called "The Holly." With them lived Miss Sallie J. Shotwell, a spinster, well known in Rahway. By and by the "Holly" and her husband, and gave as the reason the undue familiarity between Miss Shotwell and her husband. Then Hubbard sued his wife for divorce on the ground of desertion. She made no defence and a decree was granted to Hubbard, who continued to live at "The Holly" with Miss Shotwell.

The latter had about \$20,000 left to her by her parents, who were Philadelphia people. Hubbard induced Miss Shotwell to give him a power of attorney over her property, and he proceeded with this authority, so one legal procedure says, to dissipate and squander the property. Notwithstanding his matrimonial and other experience with womanhood, Hubbard married a third wife, Miss Emma L. Gardner, who was a daughter of the late John Gardner, a wealthy liquor merchant in the Bower. Mr. Hanson went to Washington as an aid to Grand Marshal Martin T. McMahon, from the O'Brien Association. With several other members of the association he left the Masonic Hall in Washington on Saturday morning, and walked for two hours in the rain and snow. He reached the point where his association was to take place in the Bower, and he was found to be dead. It was another two hours before the line started, and when the parade was finally ended Mr. Hanson was suffering from a heavy cold.

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## THE COURTS.

HIS MOTHER WOULD NOT BE RECONCILED. A YOUNG LAWYER SUED FOR DIVORCE—HE LEFT HIS WIFE AND WENT HOME.

George F. Perham, a young lawyer, who is said to have more money than clients, in consequence of the fact that his mother is rich, is the defendant in a suit for absolute divorce brought against him by Alice Rosina Perham. Perham lives with his mother at Nassau, N. H. According to the complaint in the case the plaintiff and defendant met at Worcester, Mass., last summer. Perham became exceedingly attentive, and asked his present wife to marry him.

She is the daughter of Thomas H. Ross, who was formerly a commission merchant at Montreal. He now lives in this city. Perham wanted to have a secret wedding, as his mother was opposed to the match, in consequence of the young woman being a Roman Catholic. The husband's mother is Mrs. Sarah W. Perham. Much influence was brought to bear on the mother, but she refused to give her consent, and the couple came to this city secretly, and were married by the Rev. Jesse F. Forbes, of the Adams Memorial Church, on September 1. Last year they went to the Gilbey House in this city at first, and then took a trip south.

When returning they went to Nassau to reconcile the mother of the husband, but she would not allow her daughter-in-law to remain in the house. The couple came back to this city, but they had not been here long before the husband deserted his wife, in the latter part of October, and went back home. He wrote a number of letters to his wife, in which he declared that if she would come back, he would do anything for her, but she would not do anything for herself. In spite of these letters any good by bringing a suit against her husband had been made in vain, and she had consequently would cut him off with nothing, and she consequently the wife would be injured, and she would do anything for herself.

Perham, in the Supreme Court, Chambers, an order to serve the summons by publication. After this suit is decided the plaintiff announces her intention of bringing a suit against her mother-in-law for \$50,000 for alienating the affections of her husband.

**ASKING THAT AN ASSIGNMENT BE SET ASIDE.**

A suit was on trial in the Supreme Court before Judge McAdam yesterday in which Eliza W. and Caroline White are seeking to set aside a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, made by Edward M. Benjamin, an importer, to Cyrus V. Keen. The plaintiff's suit is a judgment against the defendant for \$121,342.01, on a promissory note, given by Benjamin to the executor of the estate of the father of the plaintiffs.

About seven years ago the wife of the defendant, whose maiden name was Emma Byron, died. Recently Mrs. Benjamin married Anna Byron, the sister of his dead wife. According to the story of the defendant told on the witness stand yesterday, for nearly thirty years previous to his marriage with Emma Byron, he gave his note to Anna Byron for \$114,387.67, the amount which he declared he owed her up to that time. This note was payable in thirty days.

On May 30, 1890, Anna Byron began a suit on this note, and judgment was taken by default on April 10, 1892. Later in the same day Benjamin executed a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, and the plaintiffs now declare that the taking of the judgment by the present wife of the defendant was for the purpose of defrauding his creditors, and that the note on which the judgment was founded was given without consideration. The plaintiffs secured a judgment on their note on the day following that on which the assignment was made. They want the assignment and the judgment in favor of the defendant set aside, and the note to be paid. Benjamin is now on trial all day, and will appear for the plaintiffs and John E. Parsons for the defendant.

**GENERAL SPINOLA'S WILL NOT SET ASIDE.**

Justice Patterson, in the Supreme Court yesterday, dismissed the complaint in the suit in which Mrs. Anna Douglas tried to set aside the will of her brother, General Francis B. Spinola. The suit went against Mrs. Douglas by default. The plaintiff declared that General Spinola had stock worth about \$100,000 before his death, but after his death his widow declared that her husband left a small estate worth about \$60,000. Then Mrs. Douglas alleged that General Spinola had been influenced in making the transfers of the property some time before his death, and that he had also been influenced in making his will.

When the case was called yesterday William H. Hamilton, who had represented the plaintiff, told Justice Patterson that Mrs. Douglas had told him that she wanted to get another lawyer to represent her in the suit. Grace Nathan, who appeared for Mrs. Spinola, told Justice Patterson that she had not gone on with the case at all. Justice Patterson said that as the defendants had taken a good deal of trouble to get their witnesses in court, he would grant a judgment for the plaintiff by default. Mrs. Douglas granted a judgment for the plaintiff for a portion of the estate of General Spinola.

**SHE SAYS SHE WAS CHEATED BY HER SON.**

Mrs. Catherine Kramer, a widow, eighty years old, has begun suit in the Supreme Court against her son's widow, Mrs. Annie Catherine Kramer, to recover an estate out of which she says that she was cheated by her son. In her complaint, the older Mrs. Kramer says that her husband, George Kramer, died in this city in April, 1887. He left the income from his property to his widow, and entailed the principal to his two sons, Charles Kramer, one of the sons, died in September, 1890, leaving his entire estate to his widow.

Mrs. Kramer, the older, says in her complaint that there was recorded on August 31, 1891, in the office of the Register of New-York City, a deed of conveyance by which the entire estate of her husband was conveyed by her to Charles Kramer for a nominal consideration. This paper she says she has no recollection of signing. She also says that if she did so she certainly did not know the contents of it. It is therefore claimed that the property was obtained by fraud and was to be null and void.

Mrs. Kramer says that she has been receiving the income from the disputed estate, and it is to recover that, as well as the principal of the estate that the suit has been brought.